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Spotlight

Free meningitis vaccine clinic to be held on October 5 at Spring Woods High School during second day of College Night

Pursuant to the Texas Education Code, section 51.9192, Subchapter Z, students planning to reside in college/university dormitories are required to have the meningitis vaccination. Knowing this, the Spring Branch ISD nurses have volunteered along with the BCBS Care Van to provide free vaccines to our students on October 5, 2011 from 5:00 pm-7:30 p.m. at one of the College Nights. Unfortunately the BCBS Care Van is not available both evenings.

Meningitis vaccines will be available free of charge to students who are eighteen years old or younger. Nineteen year old students, however, will not be eligible to receive the vaccines from the care van and will have to get needed vaccines elsewhere. Eighteen year old students will not need parental consent to receive vaccines as they can consent for themselves. Seventeen year old students must have parental consent. Forms will be made available prior to October 5, 2011.

Opportunities:

This week's newsletter focuses on upcoming professional development opportunities (two of which are free) and on an area resource. University and College Board counselor updates are also listed under the Calendar section of the newsletter. Those with open registration include a link or an email address. If you have any information that you would like to share with other secondary counselors, please forward so we can include it in our next newsletter.

With School back in session the Memorial Hermann Prevention and Recovery Center wants you to know about our Adolescent Substance Abuse and Dual Diagnosis Program....

LEARN MORE



Main Campus
713-939-7272

Tour Our Facility
[View Map >>](#)

Visit Our Website >>

Do You Know a Teen in Need of Substance Abuse Treatment?



The Memorial Hermann Prevention & Recovery Center treats adolescents from 13 to 17 years of age, including **dual-diagnosis** patients with a *primary diagnosis of chemical dependency*.

Five Key Things to Know About PaRC's

Adolescent Treatment Program

1. Every Level of Care is Available:

- Medical Detox
- Residential, Partial Day & Intensive Outpatient
- Supportive Residential

2. We have a TEA Accredited Charter School on Site:

- **Teens can move forward with their academic studies**
- Summer school & advanced placement available

3. PaRC Treats the Teen *and* the Family:

- Weekly family counseling
- Three-day intensive family program

4. The Program Includes a Variety of Therapies Including:

- Equine therapy
- Drum therapy
- Low ropes & fitness activities
- Individual, group, and family counseling
- Art therapy & expressive music room

5. PaRC Supplies Essential Education & Support:

- **Extensive Alternative Peer Group involvement**
- Chemical dependency, relapse prevention & life skills
- One year free aftercare & lifetime alumni membership for both teen and parents.

Due to Dr. Klineberg's well-received, much requested and limited appearances, we are requesting RSVPs to this event to ensure we have enough seats. Reservations will be closed once filled.

To RSVP, email mahnaz.kolaini@hccs.edu

Rice University Professor Dr. Stephen Klineberg
presents the

"Houston Area Survey"

Hosted by HCC Northwest ADA Office



A graduate of Haverford College, with an M.A. from the University of Paris and a Ph.D. from Harvard, Stephen Klineberg is a Professor of Sociology at Rice University. In 1982, he and his students initiated the annual "Houston Area Survey," now in its 30th year of tracking the remarkable changes in the demographic patterns, economic outlooks, experiences, and beliefs of Harris County residents.

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HCC Spring Branch Campus
1010 W. Sam Houston Parkway N.
Eagle Room

Friday, October 28, 2011

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

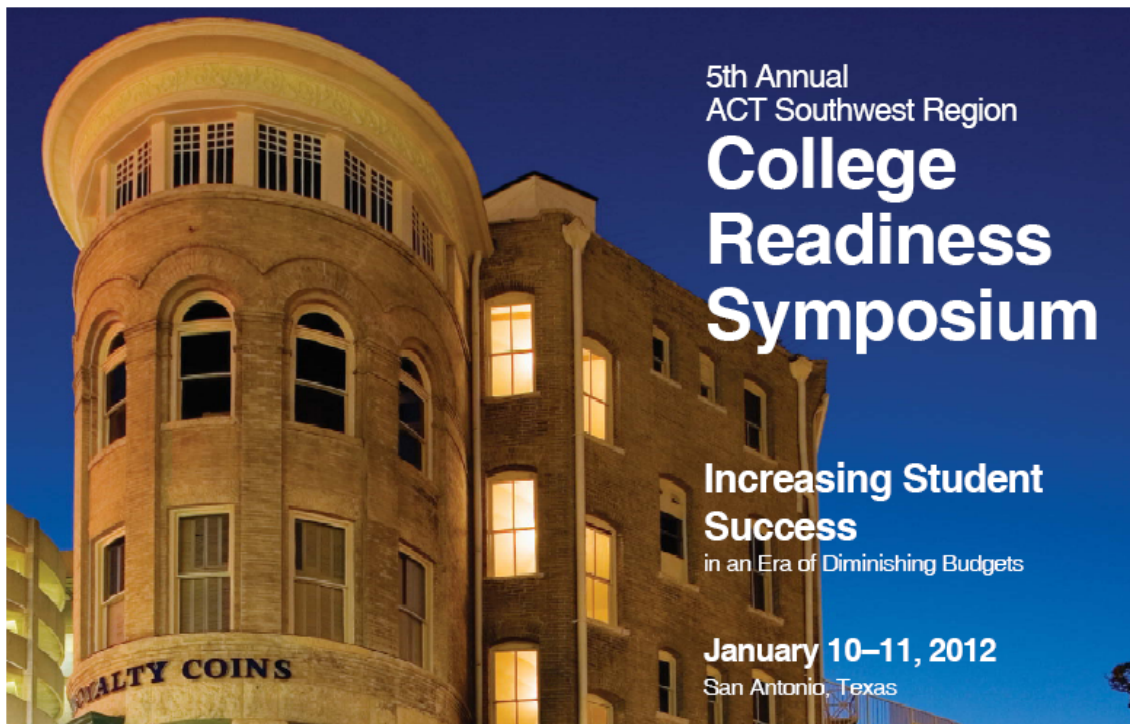
R.S.V.P to mahnaz.kolaini@hccs.edu

The Houston Area Survey provides compelling evidence of the critical importance of public education, and especially of Houston Community College, for Houston's prosperity. The survey explores how Houston seeks to benefit from demographic transformations and to succeed in the high-technology, knowledge-based economy of the twenty-first century.



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We invite you

to join your colleagues at ACT's 5th Annual Invitational Symposium on College Readiness this January in San Antonio—a professional development opportunity that has earned a reputation of being the “best value” college readiness and student preparation conference available!

Since we realize that budget constraints in education have impacted travel and your professional development options, ACT is underwriting a significant portion of the costs for the Symposium. ACT has kept the registration fee to a very low \$130 per person if you register before December 16, 2011 and negotiated with the Sheraton Gunter Hotel the low rate of only \$109 per night (single or double).

Professional Development Opportunity for You

The ACT College Readiness Symposium provides participants with a variety of special interest sessions designed and delivered by practicing educators with a track record of success. Over 30 practical professional topics of interest and exciting keynote

speakers will span over the two day conference. You will experience dynamic speakers and a wealth of innovative and practical ideas that can be implemented on your campuses.

Bring a team and cover all of the sessions! Symposium sessions and topics appeal to staff of all levels—from new administrators/teachers to seasoned specialists. The Symposium provides a perfect opportunity to learn, share ideas, and network with colleagues who are making a difference in their schools.

Who Should Attend....

Educators who seek concrete solutions to today's college readiness issues:

- Middle and High School Administrators
- Counselors
- Faculty
- Postsecondary P-16 Coordinators
- Curriculum and Instructional Directors
- Superintendents
- Student Preparation Improvement Teams

Registration

The Conference Registration fee is only \$130 per person (\$150 per person after December 16, 2011).

Register online:

www.regonline.com/sw_symposium_2012

Conference Location

The conference will be held at The Sheraton Gunter Hotel located at 205 E. Houston Street in San Antonio. Located in the Central Downtown Theater District one-half block from the Riverwalk and across the street from the Majestic Theatre, the hotel is convenient to shopping, museums, the San Antonio Convention Center, and the Alamodome.

A block of rooms has been reserved for January 9-10, 2012 at the rate of \$109.00 single/double (plus tax).

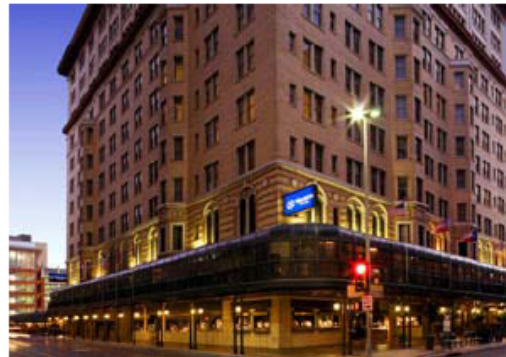
This rate will be honored only until December 14, 2011. Reservations must be made by this date in order to secure the conference rate. Reservations made after December 14 will be accepted on a space-available basis at the prevailing room rate.

Hotel Information

The Sheraton Gunter Hotel San Antonio is located in the heart of downtown, the hotel places you in the middle of all that is San Antonio. Take in a show at the Majestic Theater or stroll down the world-famous Riverwalk-both are just across the street.

Built in 1909, the Gunter combines the ageless grace of the 1900s with today's amenities. From an old-fashioned barber shop, complete with chairs from the 1920s, to a full-service Business Center and High Speed Internet Access, you can stay connected to what's important, even when you're miles away.

Share a delicious meal at Barron's restaurant or wind down at McLeod's, a traditional pub. Taste for yourself why people travel for miles to enjoy the fresh baked pastries, cakes, cookies and brownies at The Gunter Bakery.



Student Success Summit
September 12, 2011



Greetings!

You are cordially invited you to spend time with

Dr. George Kuh

and join us for a Student Success Summit

taking place Monday, September 12, 2011, 8AM-5PM
at the University of Houston Hilton Hotel.

Please click [here](#) to RSVP by September 5, 2011.

About our Speaker: George Kuh, Ph.D.



Dr. George Kuh is best known for founding the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), as well as the NSSE Institute for Effective Educational Practice. He currently serves on the Board of Regents at Luther College and the National Leadership Council for the Association of American College and Universities "Liberal Education and America's Promise" initiative. He is a Distinguished Alumni of St. Cloud State University, holds six honorary degrees and has several Teaching Excellence Recognition Awards from Indiana University along with the Dean's Award for Outstanding Contributions by a Faculty Member.

Dr. Kuh has acted as a consultant to nearly 400 institutions of higher education and educational agencies around the world. He has authored more than 300 publications and several hundred presentations relating to institutional improvement, college student engagement, assessment strategies and campus cultures. The most recent of these have been *Student Success in College: Creating Conditions that Matter* (2005, 2010) and *Piecing Together the Student Success Puzzle: Research, Propositions, and Recommendations* (2007).

To read more about Dr. Kuh, please view his [resume](#) (.pdf).

About our Audience

This event is supported by a grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and is intended to serve and equip:

- Administrators
- Curriculum Directors
- Faculty
- Student Affairs Professionals

to empower our students to be successful in their academic and professional careers.

Please visit our Texas [Texas Gulf Coast CCRS homepage](#), and enjoy our monthly College & Career Readiness e-newsletter, [Empowered for Success](#).

Driving and Directions

If possible, please be sure to park in the garage at the Hilton. Parking vouchers will be provided at registration, but will only account for the Hilton Parking Garage.

While parking in The Hilton parking garage is included for the summit, the garage is on a first-come basis. If it is full when you arrive, additional parking can be found in a garage just across the street; which charges \$9 for all-day parking.

Resources:

Websites:

Interested in securing videos for post secondary planning in Spanish? Visit the following website at College Admissions 411:

<http://www.hitn.tv/CA411/>

Find information on financial aid for college that can be shared with students and families to help them realize that there is financial assistance available. (This is also available in Spanish):

<http://www.aie.org/paying-for-college/index.cfm>

Calendar:

September 19, 2011 Texas State University and University of Texas at San Antonio Update

September 20, 2011 University of Texas at Dallas Update

September 22, 2011 College Board Counselor Update

(<https://apps2.collegeboard.com/olrWebApp/olrWebApp/findMeeting.do?page=next>)

September 26, 2011 Texas A & M at Corpus Christi Update for Senior and Post Secondary Counselors

(If you are interested in attending, please respond via email to: Janette.Martin@tamucc.edu.)

September 28, 2011 Texas Tech University and University of Houston Update